

MIDDLE PENINSULA-NORTHERN NECK  
LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE  
CALL MEETING MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2012

Chairman Carl Gerster called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m. on April 3, 2012 at the Northern Neck Free Health Clinic in Warsaw, Virginia. Committee members in attendance were Dr. Bill McConahey and Carl Gerster. Agency representatives present were Stacy Hardcastle and Mike Forrest from The Brambles. Hillary Zaneveld, Regional Advocate from the Office of Human Rights, was also in attendance. The two member subcommittee reviewed a new policy from The Brambles regarding the use of protective restraints in their programs. The sub-committee made the following recommendations: Making the policy generic to The Brambles and all homes, having the section regarding bedrails generic to all types of bedrails, and using the definition of protective restraints from the Rules and Regulations to Assure the Rights of Individuals Receiving Services from Providers Licensed, Funded or Operated by the Department of Mental health, Mental Retardation and Substance Abuse Services (Human Rights Regulations) on page 6.

The two member sub-committee voted all in favor to approve The Brambles policy regarding protective restraints with the above noted changes.

The Brambles is to present the policy to the full committee with changes at the next regularly scheduled MPNN LHRC meeting, at which time the full committee can ratify the decision of the sub-committee. This item will be addressed under the "Old Business" section of the agenda.

The meeting adjourned at 1:52 p.m.

Hillary Zaneveld, Human Rights Advocate  
Recorder